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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated June 14, 2005, for which a response is initially due on or before September 14, 2005. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Applicants request reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.